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Applicant: SAWAMURA, Yasushi et al. Conf.: 7250  
Appl. No.: 09/940,513 Group: 1771  
Filed: August 29, 2001 Examiner: Chang, Victor  
For: ADHESIVE SHEET FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
CONNECTING SUBSTRATE, ADHESIVE-BACKED  
TAPE FOR TAB, ADHESIVE-BACKED TAPE FOR  
WIRE BONDING CONNECTION, SEMICONDUCTOR  
CONNECTING SUBSTRATE, AND SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 27, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated November 27, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The claims in the present application have been subjected to an Election Requirement as follows:

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I(A), drawn to dicyclopentadiene skeleton-containing epoxy resins;

Group I(B), drawn to terpene skeleton-containing epoxy resins, and

Group I(C), drawn to biphenyl skeleton-containing epoxy resins;

Group II(A), drawn to thermoplastic resin containing a copolymer having butadiene as an essential comonomer, and

Group II(B), drawn to thermoplastic resin containing a polyamide resin.

### **Election Response**

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I(A), dicyclopentadiene skeleton-containing epoxy resins.

### **Traversal of Election Requirement**

The above-noted Election Requirement is respectfully traversed. First, it is submitted that at least all of the species (A), (B) and (C) should be examined together, since all of these species encompass epoxy resins, such that the search and examination for all of these species significantly overlaps. Thus, there is no significant burden placed upon the Examiner to at least examine all of (A)-(C) in Group I. It is further submitted that all of the presently pending claims include the species of Group I, (A)-(C). In any case, it is submitted that the Office Action fails to provide any objective evidence supporting the conclusion that

any significant burden is placed upon the Examiner to examine all of the subject matter of the presently pending claims, such that the Election Requirement should be completely withdrawn.

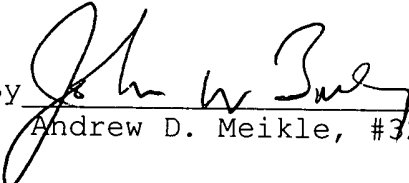
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	36	-	36	=	0	\$18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	3	-	3	=	0	\$84	\$0.00
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						TOTAL	\$0.00

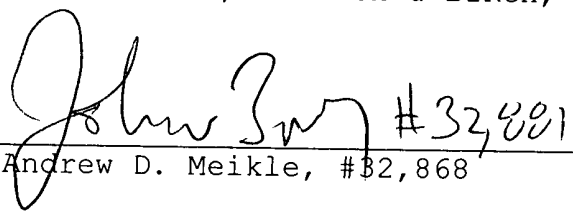
- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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